

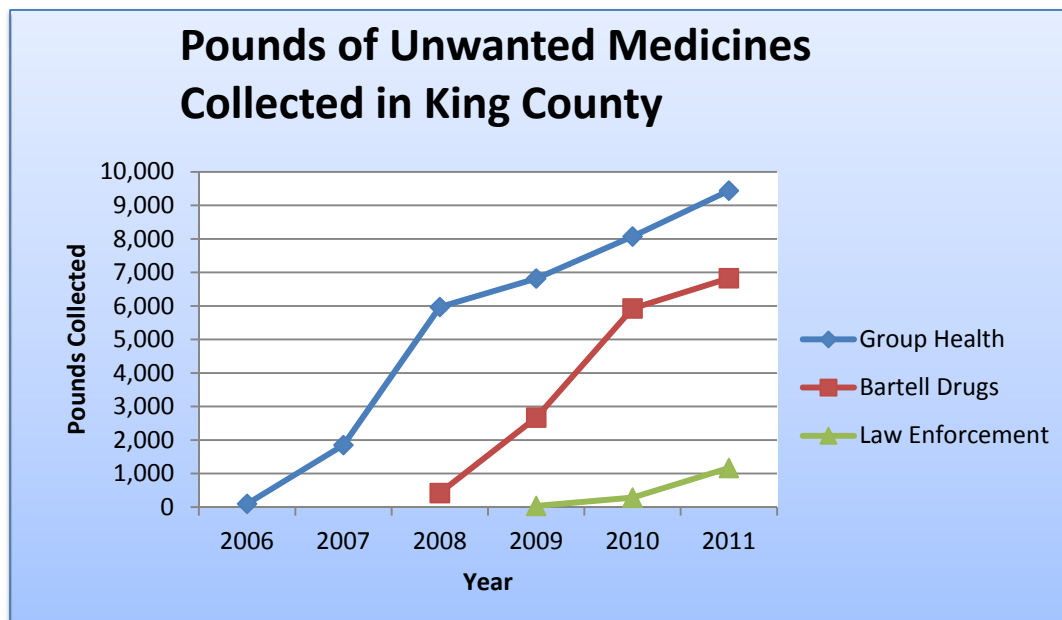
# Unwanted Medicines Collected in King County, Neighboring Counties, British Columbia – 2011

## Comparison of Northwest Medicine Take-Back Programs

Take-Back Program Location	Estimated Population	Number of Collection Sites	Group Health Cooperative	Bartell Drugs	Law Enforcement	Total Pounds Collected	Total Pounds Per Capita
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British Columbia	4,573,321	1,033				211,411	0.04623
King County	1,969,722	33	9,951	6,826	1,166	17,431	0.00885
Pierce County	807,904	23	1,915	402	3,466	5,783	0.00716
Snohomish County	722,400	40	1,596	4,149	4,620	10,365	0.01435
Thurston County	256,591	7	1,961	na	3,302	5,263	0.02051

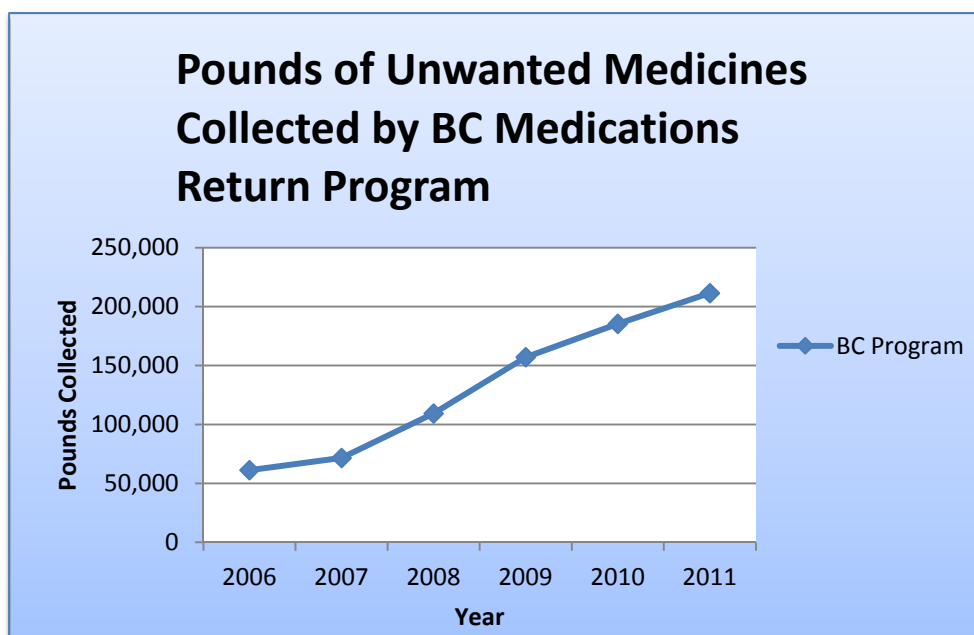
### King County

In 2011, voluntary medicine take-back programs provided a total of 33 collection sites for the 1.96 million residents of King County. Group Health Cooperative provides 12 clinical pharmacy collection sites; Bartell Drugs provides 12 retail pharmacy collection sites, and 9 law enforcement agencies now offer a drop site in their offices. Group Health Cooperative started their take-back program in 2006, Bartell Drugs in 2008, and the first program operated by a law enforcement agency started in 2009.



## BC Medications Return Program

In 2011, a regulated product stewardship program provided 1,033 pharmacy collection sites for the 4.57 million residents of British Columbia, Canada. The Post Consumer Pharmaceutical Stewardship Association (PCPSA) provides the BC Medications Return Program, which has been in operation for more than 14 years (<http://www.medicationsreturn.ca/>). PCPSA is a not-for-profit industry sponsored association founded by Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx&D), the Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association (CGPA) and Consumer Health Products Canada. The PCPSA increased its outreach efforts in 2007, resulting in an increase in the amount of medicines returned.



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### Sources:

King County data compiled by the Pharmaceuticals Project of the Local Hazardous Waste Program in King County from data collected from the 33 voluntary take-back programs located in King County. July 27, 2012.

Washington State data compiled by the Pharmaceuticals Project of the Local Hazardous Waste Program in King County from data shared by the Snohomish County Partnership for Secure Medicine Disposal, Bartell Drugs, Group Health Cooperative, Pierce County and Thurston County. July 27, 2012.

British Columbia data obtained from annual reports of the Post-Consumer Pharmaceutical Stewardship Association in British Columbia <http://www.medicationsreturn.ca/collection/british-columbia>